

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 13 and 16. The status of the claims is as follows:

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a first substrate having thereon a pixel electrode and an active element;

a second substrate having thereon an opposed electrode;~~and~~

a liquid crystal layer interposed between said first and second substrates with  
said electrodes facing each other;and

~~wherein~~ a first orientation control element extending in a nonparallel direction  
relative to an extending direction of an edge of said pixel electrode, and a second orientation  
control element extending from said first orientation element in a parallel direction relative to  
an extending direction of said edge ~~are~~ provided on at least one of said first and second  
substrates;~~and~~

wherein said second orientation control element has a constant width, and said  
width is smaller than a width of said first orientation control element.

14. (Original) The device according to claim 13, wherein at least one of  
said first and second orientation control elements is a slit formed in said pixel electrode or  
said opposed electrode.

15. (Original) The device according to claim 13, wherein at least one of said first and second orientation control elements is a protrusion formed on said pixel electrode or said opposed electrode.

16. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 13, wherein a dielectric anisotropy of said liquid crystal molecules of said liquid crystal layer is negative.

17. (Canceled)

18-33. (Canceled)